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In re the application of  
David Ian Allan

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby makes of record the references set out on the attached form PTO-1449.

A copy of each reference is enclosed.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, and Applicant reserves the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish otherwise. Moreover, Applicant does not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any portion of any reference is relevant.

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It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered by the Examiner and that the references be made of record and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,



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